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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP2005/004392</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>March 8, 2005</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>March 9, 2004</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>Elastic Member, Toner Fixing Element and Device, and Method For Manufacturing Elastic Member</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Hiroyasu Kikukawa</b>		
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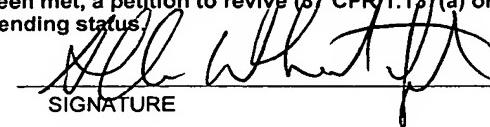
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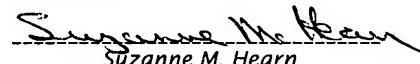
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3. Abstract and Specification (45 pages, 13 claims);
4. Formal Drawings (4 sheets, 7 Figures);
5. English Translation of WO 2005/085961 A1 PCT Application (45 pages);
6. English Translation of WO 2005/085961 International Search Report (6 pgs);
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